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With postseason looming, Winchester wrestlers battle back with three straight wins

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Winchester High School wrestler Eddie Donlon is trying to turn his Springfield Central opponent during a recent match. COURTESY PHOTO

After starting the season 0-3 in non-tournament matches, the Wi
High School wrestling team evened its record with three straight

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Hanover (47-35, Jan. 4), Lexington (38-34, Jan. 15) and most recently Reading (49-20, Jan. 22).

Winchester High School wrestler Kai Napadow Baquero gets ready to square off against his opponent during a recent match. COURTESY PHOTO

Before that dominating performance against Middlesex League rival Reading, the Red & Black ran into a buzzsaw at the West Side Dual Meet Tournament in West Springfield, while missing three starters due to injury/illness. Those losses were just too much to overcome versus teams that were all highly ranked throughout the state.

However, Coach Ryan Errico still had standout individual winning performances, with the likes of Eddie Donlon recording four wins (three by pin) and Kai Napadow Baquero (two pins), Jack Allen and Ilyas Malik (three pins) leading the way. Beni Curcio, Luca Kovacev, Aiden Aharonian and Shaun Garrett were all credited with a win.

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"This (tournament) was a great learning experience for the whole team, as we start gearing up for the postseason," said Errico.

This week, the team celebrated Senior Night on Jan. 29 before the league meet against Belmont. The Red & Black will then wrap up the regular season next week with two non-league matches versus Marblehead on Feb. 4 at home, starting at 6 p.m., and Greater Lowell Tech on the road on Feb. 8 at 10 a.m.

Winchester High School wrestler Shaun Garrett is in the process of turning his Beverly opponent over looking for a pin during a recent match. COURTESY PHOTOS

The team's online merchandise store for all your WHS wrestling-branded needs is almost open for business. The coaches and wrestlers would like to thank Fred Fakhiri for his effort to set up the site.

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Winchester boys basketball heads to Bridgewater-Raynham for Sweet 16 game after beating Lexington in postseason opener

It was the third meeting this year between Middlesex League boys basketball rivals Lexington (16-5, 11th seed) and Winchester (17-4, 22nd seed). They split the first two during the regular season, thus making this Round of 32 postseason matchup the impromptu rubber game of this year's series, with the

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Winchester wrestling enjoys Top 10 finish at state divisional meet; senior captains move on to All-States

After the Winchester High qualified wrestlers competed hard over two days last weekend (Feb. 20, 21) in the State Division 1 Meet at North Andover High School, Mother Nature gave them a break to rest and recuperate with Monday's blizzard that resulted in two days off from school. There

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Winchester boys hockey advances to the Sweet 16 after beating Wachusett in the tournament opener

The Winchester High boys hockey team (12-9-2), the 17th seed, edged the 16th-seeded Wachusett Regional Mountaineers (18-2-1), 5-4 in a Round of 32 Division 1 state tournament game at Westborough's Northstar Ice Arena on Feb. 25. The Red & Black will now take on top seed Catholic Memorial (18-2-1)

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With postseason starting Friday night, WHS boys hoop seniors English, Sarpong, Burbine join Middlesex League elite

The Winchester High boys basketball team, the 22nd seed, will take on Middlesex League rival Lexington, the 11th seed, to begin the Division 1 state tournament in the Round of 32 on Friday night, Feb. 27, starting at 6 p.m. These teams are so evenly matched, beginning with the

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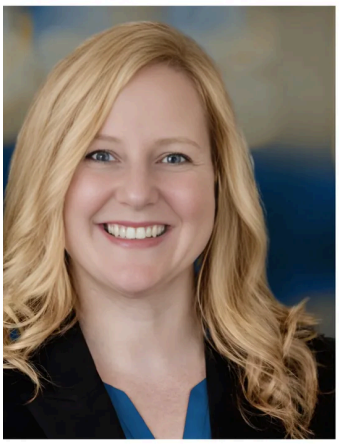

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Celebrate Women's History Month with Girls Leading Change

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Winchester School Committee candidates bring contrasting backgrounds to Thursday forum

Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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